

3. (Amended) The rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of at least one crosslinking agent selected from the group consisting of the crosslinking agent ( $C_A$ ) for the nitrile rubber (A) and the crosslinking agent ( $C_B$ ) for the epihalohydrin rubber (B) is in the range of 0.1 to 8 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the sum of the nitrile rubber (A) and the epihalohydrin rubber (B).

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4. (Amended) The rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the nitrile rubber (A) has a Mooney viscosity of 25 to 100.

5. (Amended) The rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated nitrile monomer is acrylonitrile or methacrylonitrile.

6. (Amended) The rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the conjugated diene monomer is 1, 3-butadiene, 2-methyl-1,3-butadiene, 1-3-pentadiene or 2-chloro-1, 3-butadiene.

7. (Amended) The rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the epihalohydrin rubber (B) has a Mooney viscosity of 30 to 140.

8. (Amended) The rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the epihalohydrin rubber (B) is a copolymer of an epihalohydrin monomer and an unsaturated epoxide monomer.

10. (Amended) The rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the crosslinking agent (C<sub>A</sub>) for the nitrile rubber is at least one crosslinking agent selected from the group consisting of a sulfur-containing crosslinking agent and an organic peroxide crosslinking agent.

11. (Amended) The rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the crosslinking agent (C<sub>B</sub>) for the epihalohydrin rubber is at least one crosslinking agent selected from the group consisting of a thiourea, a triazine, a quinoxaline and an amine.